

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Fair CEOs  
Exhibit Supervisors  
Livestock Staff

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**Subject:** Clarification of Goats and Scrapie Program

All goats (dairy, pygmy, etc.) who have registration tattoos or electronic id are acceptable for entry as long as the registration tattoo or electronic identification appears on the registration papers (and owner or exhibition has reader if electronic ID is used). For goats that cannot be eartagged or tattooed in the ears (La Manchas), tattoos may be placed in the tailhead or flank. These types of official identification are acceptable without additional enrollment in Scrapie Eradication program.

Non-registered goats must have official ID which is either a USDA eartag or tattoo. The tattoo in a non-registered goat should have the two letter postal code for the state of origin as the first two characters in the tattoo. If the animal originated in California the tattoo should have a CA as the first two characters. Exhibitors with non-registered goats are not required to be enrolled in the Scrapie program.

Attached is the most current USDA-APHIS summary for goats and sheep. If you need additional information, please contact me at 916/263-2948 or [tjdale@cdfa.ca.gov](mailto:tjdale@cdfa.ca.gov).

## 2003 Scrapies Requirements for Sheep & Goats

1. **NEW!** All sheep and goats entering fairs require individual identification. All official identification will be kept on the animals. The official identification may be official USDA individual identification eartags, premises eartags, Scrapie Flock Certification Program eartags, registration tattoos if accompanied by registration papers, or other methods approved by the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
2. **NEW!** All sheep and goats from out of state require official individual identification, a certificate of veterinary inspection and a California entry permit.
3. **NEW!** Fairs will not accept sheep and goats from scrapie “non-compliant” flocks, or animals that are scrapie-positive or scrapie suspects.
4. **NEW!** Fairs will not accept sheep and goats from scrapie-infected or source flocks, or animals that have been exposed to scrapie unless they have been evaluated and approved for exhibition by the state scrapie epidemiologist.
5. **NEW!** Fairs will keep records of the consignor, buyer, and animal identification for 5 years when animals change ownership at the fair.
6. **NEW!** Fairs will try to accommodate Scrapie Flock Certification Program members with separate space if practical. Breeding animals should be housed in separate enclosures or locations from animals that are not in the certification program, if practical.
7. **NEW!** Sheep or goats within 30 days pre-or post-parturition, or with vaginal discharge, shall if practical, be kept separate from animals from different flocks and in an area that can be properly cleaned and disinfected.

To enroll in the Scrapie program call 877-741-3690